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Staff Senate Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2017  
UNHS Meeting Room

**Members Present:** Cat Donnelly, Lisa Frye, Erika Gamboa, Tonya Foster, Marweta Haegele, Shelby Hanson, Roy Hatcher, Travis Lynch, Jeremy McAtee, Cedar Middleton, Devyn Moore, Cindy Morley, Eva Owens, Autumn Parker, Julie Rogers, Eric Specking, Bryon Speller, Sara Beth Spencer-Bynum, Elon Turner, Quincy Ward, Trish Watkins, Carrie Whitmer, Tiff Wimberly

**Members Absent:** Mary Skinner, Teresa Waddell, Stephen Ritterbush, Cecilia Grossberger-Medina, Leslie Pounds, Susan Stiers

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Eve Owens at 9:30am.
2. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the agenda as presented.
3. Roll call – Elon Turner
4. Campus Updates
  - a. Human Resources – Richard Ray and Michele Burns
    - i. Summary plan descriptions are posted on the web.
    - ii. New employee benefits can be chosen on Webbasis as of last week. Forms are still available.
    - iii. Beneficiaries can be changed on Webbasis now
    - iv. Benefits news on front of HR page – summary of changes/updates
    - v. The UA System pulled back gender dysphoria services due to court case. Service will be covered through March 6, 2017.
    - vi. There will be a meeting to discuss retirement plan changes from 1% mandatory contribution to 2% in July 1, 2017.
    - vii. There is a bill to try and put the University classified positions under ADHE (Arkansas Department of Higher Education).
  - b. Transit and Parking updates – Gary Smith
    - i. The lot on 820 Maple is now owned by the University and the department is looking to expand parking.
    - ii. The license plate recognition program should be ready by July 1, 2017. There will be no more stickers. The parking permits will be attached to the license plate number on the vehicle. The Department is working on how this will work out for those who park in the Harmon Garage.
    - iii. The department presented the transportation study to Staff Senate. There were 17 members present and online.
5. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the meeting minutes as presented.
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Awards – Roy Hatcher; Nominations for Team Awards are due in February.
  - b. Elections – Eva Owens; Those Senators who are up for re-election will be notified.
  - c. Internal Affairs – Lisa Frye; The Committee met to discuss Razorgifts and reviewed the budget and inventory for the program.
  - d. Razorgifts Ad Hoc – Shelby Hanson; This Committee met to evaluate the issues that arose during the event. The issues were competition during the Holiday season/giving fatigue,

few options for giving/difficult to manage current options, and labor intensity of the program. There were several options given for the program. The options were to stay with the traditional Holiday theme launching in October, have a Back to School drive in May instead, and to discontinue the program. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to vote for an option by ballot. The option to keep the traditional Holiday theme was passed. Voting went as follows: 3- Back to School Program, 16 – Traditional Holiday theme, 7 –Discontinue to program

- e. Bylaws – Erick Specking; The Committee will not do a second reading of the bylaws changes today. The Committee will take all changes to Staff Senate at one time to vote. The goal is to get this done by July 1, 2017
- 7. Treasurer’s Report – Cat Donnelly; Cat presented the budget for Staff Senate. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the budget as presented.
- 8. Around the Senate
  - a. The staff picnic is May 18, 2017
  - b. Parking and Transit is needing feedback on parking. Please send feedback to Jeremy McAtee.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45am

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Davis